



Docket No.: 826.1711

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tetsuo NAKATA, et al.

Serial No. 09/812,551

Group Art Unit: 2161

Confirmation No. 2646

Filed: March 21, 2001

Examiner: Matthew Gart

For: SALE DEVICE WITH A FUNCTION TO AUTHENTICATE A PURCHASER AND
METHOD THEREOF

LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REGARDING THE DRAWINGS

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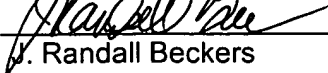
Sir:

In the Office Action of October 4, 2003, the Examiner objected to the drawings and required the submission of drawing corrections. The Examiner alleged that the shading and the style of the text "may affect clarity when reproduced". It is the understanding of the undersigned that the drawings are reviewed by the USPTO Official Draftsman before the case is assigned to the Examiner. If that assumption is correct, the Official Draftsman has apparently not objected to the drawings as no drawing objections from the Official Draftsman have been supplied with the Office Action. It is submitted that the shading and the style of the text within the drawings are sufficiently clear for reproduction. The objection to the drawings and requirement for corrected drawings are respectfully traversed and withdrawal as requested. It is requested that Examiner submit the drawings for review by the Official Draftsman if the Examiner deems that the objection.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL	Attorney Docket No.	826.1711
	Application Number	09/812,551
	Filing Date	March 21, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Tetsuo NAKATA, et al.
	Group Art Unit	2161
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	0.00	Examiner Name Matthew S. Gart

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	13	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8	- 8 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	0.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of January 4, 2003, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5					
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 0.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$ 0.00

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 (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to: Deposit Account No. <u>19-3935</u> Deposit Account Name <u>STAAS & HALSEY LLP</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP			
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